

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the opportunity granted by the Examiner to conduct a personal interview on March 12, 2003. Pursuant to the discussion during the interview between Applicants' representative and the Examiner, Applicants submit amended claims 1, 2, 6, 13 and 14 which include the proposed amendment discussed during the interview.

The discussion at the interview revealed that the description of the inventive subject matter recited in certain claims of the invention could be improved by changing particular terms in such claims. Specifically, it was proposed that claims 1, 6 and 13 be amended by replacing the term "further" with "new" to more positively recite that the calculation rule calculates and generates a "new" identity from the stored identity (IMSI). Likewise, it was proposed to replace the term "alternative" with "new" in claims 2 and 14 for similar reasons related to claims 1, 6 and 13.

It was noted during the interview that the Examiner appears to find the replacement of the terms "further" and "alternative" with "new" more clearly describing an inventive feature of the application sufficient to delineate the claims over the Julin reference (U.S. Patent 6,212,372).

Applicants submit that the Julin reference fails to disclose or suggest a mobile radio system including a calculation rule that calculates and generates a "new" identity from the stored identity (IMSI). Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-16 is therefore warranted.

Applicants would like to point out that the terms "further" and "alternative" in the context of the application are interchangeably used with the term "new". Support for using "new" when referring to the generated identity from the stored identity is clearly found in claims 3 and 4, and in the specification where it appears that "new" is interchangeably used with "further" in reference to claim 1.

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Accordingly, no new issues requiring further searching appear to be raised by the present amendment. Nonetheless, Applicants have agreed to file the amendment with an accompanying Request for Continued Examination at the insistence of the Examiner in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application and remove the finality of the present rejection.

In view of the interview and the present amendment, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claims 1-16 be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FOREIGN PRIORITY

Applicants note that the Examiner failed to acknowledge receipt of a certified copy of the priority document (PCT/EP99/03107, filed May 6, 1999) that forms the basis of the claim for priority in this application. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to acknowledge receipt of the foreign priority document submitted under 35 U.S.C. § 119 with the original application papers. If the document has been lost, a new document will be provided.

CONCLUSION

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicants' Attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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